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ORNITHOLOGY.

FROM WILSON'S "AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY."

THE IVORY-BILL'D WOODPECKER OF
NORTH-AMERICA.

This majestic and formidable species, in strength and magnitude, stands at the head of the whole class of *Woodpeckers* hitherto discovered. He may be called the king or chief of his tribe; and nature seems to have designed him a distinguished characteristic in the superb crest, and bill of polished ivory, with which she has ornamented him. His eye is brilliant and daring, and his whole frame so admirably adapted to his mode of life, and method of procuring subsistence, as to impress on the mind of the examiner, the most reverential ideas of the Creator. His manners also have a dignity in them superior to the common herd of *Woodpeckers*. Trees, shrubbery, orchards, rails, fence posts, and old prostrate logs, are alike interesting to those, in their humble and indefatigable search for prey; but the royal hunter now before us, scorns the humbleness in such situations, and seeks the most towering trees of the forest, seeming particularly attached to those prodigious cypress swamps, whose crowded giant sons stretch their bare and blasted or moss hung arms midway to the skies. In their almost inaccessible recesses, amidst ruinous piles of impending timber, his trumpet like note and loud strokes resound through the solitary savage wilds, of which he seems the sole lord and inhabitant. Wherever he frequents, he leaves numerous monuments of his industry behind him.

We there see enormous pine trees, with cart loads of bark lying round their roots, and chips of the trunk itself, in such quantities as to suggest the idea that *half a dozen of axemen had been at work there for the whole morning*. The body of the tree is also disfigured with such numerous and so long excavations, that one can hardly conceive it possible for the whole to be the work of a *Woodpecker*. With such strength and apparatus so powerful, what havoc might he not commit, if numerous, on the most useful of our forest trees: and yet, with all these appearances, and much vulgar prejudice against him, it may fairly be questioned whether he is at all injurious, or at least, whether his exertions do not contribute most powerfully to the protection of our timber. Examine closely the tree where he hath been at work, and you will soon perceive that it is neither from motives of mischief or amusement, that he slices off the bark, or digs his way into the trunk—for the sound and healthy tree is not the object of his attention. The diseased, infested with insects, and hastening to putrefaction, are his favourites; there the deadly crawling enemy has formed a lodgment, between the bark and tender wood, to drink up the very vital part of the tree. It is the ravages of these vermin which the intelligent proprietor of the forest deplores as the sole perpetrators of the destruction of his timber. Would it be believed that the larva of an insect, or fly, no larger than a grain of rice, should silently, and in one season, destroy some thousands of acres of pine trees, many of them from two to three feet in diameter, and a hundred and fifty feet high? Yet, who ever passes from Georgetown to Charleston, in South Carolina, about twenty miles from the former place, can have striking and melancholy proofs of this fact. In some places, the whole woods, as far as you can see around you, are dead, stripped of their bark, their wintry looking arms and bare trunks bleaching in the sun, and tumbling in ruins before every blast, presenting a frightful picture of desolation.

In looking over the accounts given of the ivory-billed woodpecker by the naturalists of Europe, I find it asserted, that it inhabits

from New Jersey to Mexico. I believe, however, that few of them are ever seen in the north of Virginia, and very few of them in that state. The first place I observed this bird at, when on my way to the south, was about 12 miles from Wilmington, in North Carolina. There I found the bird from which the drawing of the figure was taken. This bird was only wounded slightly in the wing; and on being caught, uttered a loudly reiterated and most piteous note, exactly resembling the violent crying of a young child, which terrified my horse, so as nearly to have cost me my life. It was distressing to hear it. I carried it with me in the chair, under cover, to Wilmington. In passing through the streets, its affecting cries surprised every one within hearing, particularly the females, who hurried to the doors and windows with looks of alarm and anxiety.

I drove on; and on arriving at the piazza of the hotel, where I intended to put up, the landlord came forward, and a number of other persons who happened to be there, all equally alarmed at what they heard: this was greatly increased by my asking, whether he could furnish me with accommodations for myself and baby. The man looked blank and foolish, while the others stared with still greater astonishment. After diverting myself for a minute or two at their expense, I drew my *Woodpecker* from under the cover, and a general laugh took place. I took him up stairs, and locked him up in my room, while I went to see my horse taken care of. In less than an hour I returned, and opening the door, he set up the same distressing shout, which now appeared to proceed from grief, that he had been discovered in his attempt to escape. He had mounted along the side of the window, nearly as high as the ceiling, a little below which he had begun to break through. The bed was covered with large pieces of plaster; the lath was exposed for at least 15 inches square, and a hole large enough to admit the fist, opened to the weather boards, so that in less than one hour, he would certainly have succeeded in making his way through. I now tied a string round his leg, and fastened it to the table and again left him. I wished to preserve his life, and had gone off in search of suitable food for him.

As I re-ascended the stairs, I heard him again hard at work; and on entering had the mortification to perceive that he had almost entirely ruined the mahogany table to which he was fastened, and on which he had wreaked his whole vengeance. While engaged in taking the drawing he cut me in several places; and, on the whole, displayed such a noble and unconquered spirit, that I was frequently tempted to restore him to his native woods. He lived with me nearly three days, but refused all sustenance; and I witnessed his death with regret.

[This fine bird is now in Peale's Museum, in Philadelphia, placed in an appropriate attitude of attack upon the trunk of a tree.—Star.]

EVANGELICAL.

REVIEW OF EVANGELICAL AND MIS-
SIONARY FEELING.

Dr. PRICE, before he left America, made an abstract from the Minutes of the several Associations throughout the country, embracing a view of the state of Missionary feeling, &c. among the Baptists in the United States. This abstract was published in the *Luminary*, and formed an interesting document. A similar statement has been collected from the Minutes of the last Associations, and we this day commence publishing it, presuming that it will be gratifying to all who wish for the prevalence of enlightened and correct feeling in our churches, on the momentous subject of Missions.

MAINE.—The Eastern Maine Association sympathize with the Board of Managers of the General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for

Foreign Missions, in those feelings which a view of their mission stations is calculated to excite. They have it in contemplation to employ a judicious missionary, who shall labour in the destitute region lying from the river St. Croix along the most northerly inhabited parts of Maine, New-Hampshire, Vermont, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Mississippi Territory generally, and in Indiana and Illinois; and recommend that each member of the Association devote one cent a month for domestic missions. Were each individual of our numerous associations to adopt this plan, the amount that would flow into the treasury of the Lord, would, under His blessing, soon make the desert blossom as the rose, and the solitary places be glad.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Boston.—In the year past, Christians have seen with inexpressible joy, the word of God magnified in the salvation of His elect.

It is rather a low time with some of our churches, though some of them have experienced a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Though a thick cloud darkens the prospects of the Burman mission, let us not indulge a discouraging thought.—Let not this dampen our missionary spirit, or relax our zeal to aid with our prayers, and our substance, in sending the word of life to the millions perishing for lack of knowledge. The foundation of God standeth sure; He is not slack concerning his promises; the Gospel must and will be preached in all the world.

RHODE-ISLAND.—Warren Association.—When we turn our attention to the *East*, spiritual prospects brighten. On the authority of the Rev. Dr. Marshman, it was stated last October, that a larger number of native converts had been baptized in the vicinity of Calcutta the two preceding years, than for three years prior to that time. And Burmah, by no means the least among the idolaters, had, nearly a year ago, as many hopefully pious souls as would have saved Sodom! Lord, will thou not spare Burmah for ten's sake?

Biethen, is it longer doubtful whether the time has come to build the house of the Lord? Lift up your eyes, and look Northward, Southward, Eastward, Westward. The Islanders of the Pacific—the Hindoo and the African—the red men of the forests, and the remnant of Israel, are bowing to the Saviour. And have we nothing to do? Ah, this question has frequently been asked, though we fear, but a small part of its import has yet been felt. Shall a handful of missionaries, scattered amongst six hundred millions of idolaters, be labouring, sighing, weeping, and wearing out their lives,—and shall we not mingle our sympathies, our tears, and our prayers with theirs? Shall we not feel obliged to replenish the treasury of the Lord, that they may be enabled to carry forward the great design which GOD will make them instrumental to fulfil?

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Meredith.—That remarkable spirit of prayer and supplication, which is excited among Christians, both in Europe and America, and those unexampled exertions which have been made and are still making for the purpose of sending the Gospel among the destitute, indicate that the time is come, or is near at hand, for the fulfilment and accomplishment of the prophecies of Scripture, relative to the salvation of God's people. In view of what is already effected, through the instrumentality of the missionaries of the Cross, in the country, and especially in these and distant climes among the heathen, we are ready to exclaim—What hath God wrought!

Salsbury.—It is with pleasure we take a retrospect of the special smiles of heaven on us in this northern region. In the day of small things, we were ready to say, by whom shall Jacob arise, for he is small? But notwithstanding our fears, the great Redeemer and Preserver of Israel, whose watchful eye never sleeps, has continually watched over us, and protected us from our enemies, and hath graciously gathered many who were given to him by the Father, the purchase of his own blood, into His fold. With holy rapture we may indeed exclaim—What hath God wrought!

VERMONT.—Fairfield.—From many of our churches, no very cheering information has been received. Still they all evince a good degree of union, and a determination to persevere; and from several of them we learn, with peculiar satisfaction, that they have

Woodstock.—The intelligence we receive from your Minutes and messengers is truly refreshing to our souls. With us, however, there have not been extensive revivals of religion: but, as you will perceive by our Minutes, some mercy drops have fallen on a few of our churches. The united cause of missions and education lies near the hearts of our brethren generally; though the pressure of the times greatly prevents efficient exertions. May this glorious cause flourish extensively under the fostering care of the Almighty King of Zion. May the glory of the Lord soon fill the whole earth, and all flesh see the salvation of our God.

Dear brethren, let us pray, and preach, and live, and do, and God will bless us in the extension of His Kingdom, and in the salvation of our souls.

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RELIABLE.

Extract of a letter from a minister of the gospel, dated Georgetown, S. C. May 14, 1822.

It is with emotions of singular joy I hereby communicate to you the pleasing intelligence, that, on 5th inst. I baptized 15 persons on a profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus. My affectionate wife was among the number.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

FOREIGN.

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there is much reason for thankfulness on account of the divine presence and blessing. There have been in that part of our great country, revivals of religion in the county of Berkshire. More than 300 young men have been assisted in obtaining an education, by the American Education Society, since its commencement. A missionary spirit is much increased, and in Plymouth and Norfolk counties, a Palestine Missionary Society is established which supports a mission to the Holy Land. The Andover Institution still flourishes, and contains 132 students.

From the General Convention of Vermont, we learn that the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom are greatly on the increase in that state. It is true the want of faithful pastors is felt. Of 171 churches under the care of the Convention, near half are vacant. Still the cause of religion is advancing. Through the past year there have been great and powerful revivals, in 50 towns, in each of which from 15 to 200 persons have been received into the churches. These revivals still continue in many places. It is supposed that about 2500 persons have joined the churches during the past year. In Middlebury College there has been a revival among the students, and two-thirds of their number are hopefully pious. The spirit of Missions is increasing in the state. Education Societies are also formed, and one of these societies, in two years, afforded assistance to forty young men. We have heard, with pleasure, of the exertions which are made in many of our cities, to promote the spiritual welfare of Seamen, and of the success which has attended these exertions. Places of worship for mariners are opened in many of our seaport towns, and both mariners themselves, and their families, have received great benefit from attending the public ordinances of the Gospel.

The Assembly recommends to the members of our churches to encourage and promote these useful institutions.

The Theological Seminary at Princeton, continues to enjoy the smiles of the Great Head of the Church. A missionary spirit is infused among the students, and a few have already devoted themselves to the labours and privations of a foreign mission. The churches are already enjoying the fruits of this most important institution. The Theological Seminary at Auburn, under the care of the Synod of Geneva, is flourishing; and efforts are also making, with encouraging prospects, to establish Theological Seminaries in other parts of our country.

The Assembly sincerely congratulates the churches under its care, on the recent union which has been completed between the Presbyterian and the Associate Reformed Churches. We cannot but cherish the hope that this union will be productive of the most beneficial effects, and that the Great Head of the church will bless it to the promotion of the interests of his kingdom.

REVIVALS.

An encouraging revival of religion has recently taken place in Providence (R. I.) a region which has been blessed with frequent visitations of the good Spirit of God.

The recent revival seems to have been chiefly owing to the divine blessing on the exertions of the Rev. Mr. Maffit, of the Methodist Church.

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Asia.—It is stated in a New York paper, on the authority of a letter from Canton of the 4th of February, that the differences with the English were compromised, and the English vessels permitted to go up and load. The letter mentions that the terms insisted upon by the Chinese were complied with by the English traders, who have agreed to send out two men from England within a fixed period, to be given up to atoms for the death of the Chinese subjects.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The U. S. Frigate *Bull Dog*, was lost on the 26th April off the W. end of Belle Pass, after having experienced one of the severest blows ever known in the Gulph. Four of the crew were lost. Sailing Master Corson, and five of the crew, saved themselves by clinging to light articles that floated from the wreck.

New method of rigging Ships.—Lieut. Allen, of the U. S. Navy, has devised a plan by which a ship's standing rigging may be taken down and again replaced, in part or in whole, in port or at sea, with great facility, and without disturbing the topmasts or yards, which is particularly beneficial, as it enables the mariner, in a gale to replace any article of running rigging. It also saves much injury to the mast heads, and to the rigging, which both are subject to, by passing over the eyes of the shrouds and stays over the mast heads, for this valuable improvement Lieut. Allen has received a patent from the President, under the great seal of the United States.

Hemp and flax.—These raw materials are about to become second in importance only to cotton, and their product may be even more valuable. We have before us beautiful specimens of home-made flaxen thread, at 50 and 75 cents per lb. A late Kentucky paper says—

"Mr. Dey's valuable machine for cleaning hemp, has been found to answer the most sanguine expectation of the public. The hemp, which this machine turns out, is, unspun, much stronger than that dressed in the old way, more beautiful, and yields a larger quantity. It already commands a higher price than Russian hemp." This is great news!—Niles' Register.

Iron Vessel.—A vessel has been constructed for the navigation of the Forth and Clyde canal, in Scotland, entirely of forged iron. It is larger and at the same time lighter than any of those employed.

It will contain 200 passengers.

THE STAR.

WASHINGTON CITY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1822.

FEMALE PIETY.

One of the most delightful features of the benevolent efforts of the present age, is the active co-operation of the female sex. It has ever been the province of woman to cheer and humanize man; to solace his woes, and to refine and grace his enjoyments. She has been his earliest and most constant friend, sustaining him in adversity, and embellishing his prosperous fortunes. But it is to Christianity alone that she is indebted for the elevation on which she now stands. She exerts all her powerful influence, under the higher advantage of being regarded as entitled to share in the same intellectual pleasures, and as equally interested in that life and immortality, which are brought to light in the Gospel.

Until within a few years, females confined their efforts, in aid of religion, to the circle of their own families and neighbourhoods. Here, indeed, they moved as burning and cheering lights. But recently they have entered a wider field, and given to their efforts a far more extended scope. We find them forming associations in aid of Missionary efforts, for the diffusion of Bibles and tracts, for the support of schools, and, in fine, for the instruction of ignorance, and the alleviation of woe, wherever they may be found. Scarcely a town in our country is without some of these combinations. To estimate the amount of benefit resulting from these exertions, not only in their direct, but in their reflected influence, we must wait for the disclosures of the last day.

There is something peculiarly gratifying in this state of things. It bodes well to the cause of truth and benevolence, that the fine affections and the quiet yet enduring energy of females are actively enlisted in its service. By assuming the province, so evidently appropriate to their habits and characters, of visiting the distressed, clothing the naked, instructing the ignorant, cherishing the hapless orphan, and causing the widow's heart to sing for joy, they become the most successful allies of their brethren. The terms of tuition are seven dollars a session, comprising

lects, and taking the wings of the morning, to fly with the everlasting Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Their aid, too, in replenishing the Missionary treasury, is highly important. It will be found, on examination, that a large proportion of the contributions to Bible, Missionary, and Education Societies, is supplied by females.

It is highly necessary to the success of any project, that it be pursued, with undiminished ardour, and with a spirit prepared to meet and triumph over every obstacle. These requisites are found in the female character. While it possesses a sensitive delicacy, which inclines it to shrink from rough collision with the jarring elements of the world, it is endowed with an unconquerable spirit, which difficult occasions call into exercise. The moment in which man desponds, is the very juncture which summons up the slumbering energies of a woman's soul. Her piety, too, is generally of a brighter character. Her temple of her heart is kept more pure from worldly idolatries. It savours little of enthusiasm, to say, with a departed ornament of our own country, "I believe, that if Christianity should be forced to flee from the mansions of the great, the academies of philosophers, the halls of legislators, and the throng of busy men, she would find her last and purest retreat with woman at the fire side. Her last audience would be the children gathered round the knees of a mother; her last altar would be the female heart; her last sacrifice, the secret prayer, escaping in silence from her lips, and heard only at the throne of God."

But we must not pursue this attractive theme. The Christian cannot but rejoice, that she whose tenderness guards the cradle; whose charms and virtues cheer and illuminate every path of life; and whose affectionate kindness smooths the pillow of disease and death, adds to her other beneficent offices, that of a minister of mercy and salvation; and that, "As the bird each fond endearment tries,
To tempt her new fledged offspring to the skies,
She tries each art, reproves each dull delay,
Altires to brighter worlds, and leads the way."

ELOQUENCE OF ST. PAUL.

From the effects produced by the eloquence of St. Paul, in converting the heathen, in shaking the conscience of the voluptuous Felix, and in almost persuading the temporizing Agrippa to be a Christian, we are justified in believing that his powers were of a high order.

A circumstance is mentioned in the Spectator, No. 633, which, if entitled to credit, is worthy of remark. It is there stated, that a fragment of Longinus is preserved at the beginning of a manuscript in the Vatican Library, in which this renowned critic, after enumerating the most celebrated Grecian orators, says,

"Add to these Paul of Tarsus, the patron of an opinion not yet fully proved." If authentic, this passage proves that his fame had widely extended itself. Indeed, his powers could not but be distinguished, to whom the inhabitants of Lystra were about to offer sacrifice, as to Mercury, the god of eloquence.

COMPOSING SERMONS.

The editor of Massillon's Lent Sermons speaks of it as a "prodigious facility"—"une facilité qui tient du prodige"—that they were generally composed in ten or twelve days each. He adds,

"How many practised sermon writers (*gens meme du metier*) would find, that this time would hardly suffice to form and well arrange the plan?"

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO.
We observe, in a Cincinnati paper, an advertisement, commanding to the attention of the public, the Grammar School connected with this Institution, which is under the superintendence of the Rev. Spencer Clark. It is said to be in a flourishing condition. The terms of tuition are seven dollars a session, comprising

ing five months. Oxford is represented to be a very eligible situation, in regard to health. Students intended for the Ministry, who come well recommended, are instructed gratuitously in the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages. From our personal knowledge of the piety, diligence, and talents of Mr. Clark, we doubt not that his services will be eminently beneficial to the students committed to his care, and to the institution with which the school is connected.

MASONIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

A society, entitled the "Palestinian Masonic Missionary Society," has been formed at Louisville, (Ken.) the object of which is, to assist in spreading the Holy Scriptures, "the great light of Masonry," in those countries from which it was received. It is composed, as its name imports, of Masons.

STEAM BOAT CONTROVERSY.

An unpleasant collision has taken place between the legislatures of Connecticut and New York, respecting the navigation of the waters of the respective states, by Steam Boats. The latter state granted to certain individuals the exclusive right of navigating her waters with Steam Boats, which of course operated as an exclusion of the citizens of other states. The Legislature of Connecticut has recently retaliated, by excluding from her waters, boats belonging to citizens of New York. The line of boats between New York and New Haven is consequently suspended; and will probably be now established between New York and Newport or Providence, in Rhode Island.

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CONGRESS.

H. G. Otis, Esq. of Massachusetts, has resigned his seat in the Senate of the United States. Mr. Lloyd, formerly a member of the Senate, has been elected to succeed him.

Mr. Denison and Mr. Baldwin, members of the House of Representatives, from Pennsylvania, have declined a re-election.

The health of the latter gentleman was seriously impaired during the last winter, and he is yet confined in this city by indisposition.

Mr. Nelson of Maryland, and Mr. Reid of Georgia, members of the House of Representatives, have also withdrawn their names as candidates for the next election.

Mr. Hendricks, of Indiana, has resigned his seat in the House.

He is a candidate for the office of Governor of that state.

FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER.

The Commissioners for the adjustment of claims under the Florida treaty, met on the 11th inst. the day to which they had adjourned on the 11th of March last. Mr. White and Mr. Tazewell only being present, they adjourned, without entering into business, until Wednesday, when the arrival of the third Commissioner, Mr. King, completed the Board.

Having fixed the hour of meeting at ten o'clock, the Board then adjourned.

On Thursday morning they proceeded to dispose of the new memorials, which had been filed in pursuance of their last orders, the number of which, we understand, considerably exceeds five hundred, thus making the whole number of memorials filed more than sixteen hundred. The examination of the new memorials will probably occupy the Board for three weeks or a month. Whether they will enter upon any other division of their labours at the expiration of that time, or allow further time to the claimants, by adjournment to some future day, is not yet known. We apprehend, however, that, as the mere reception or rejection of memorials forms but the smallest part of their laborious duties, they will find themselves compelled

very soon to shut the door against all *procrastinators*, and proceed to the examination of the voluminous documents in support of the several claims.

A man in Tioga county, New York, has been sentenced to thirty days imprisonment in the county gaol, and to pay a fine of fifty dollars, for *blasphemy*.

RATTLESNAKES.

There were recently killed, in the neighbourhood of Mount Vernon, Illinois, 155 Rattlesnakes, and 26 of other kinds,—total 181.

FROM THE PHILADELPHIA FREEMAN'S JOURNAL.

The long expected union of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, has at length been completed and ratified. This, as might have been expected, is a matter of great joy and rejoicing to all the sincere lovers of that Saviour, who is emphatically designated the Prince of Peace.

To give to such therefore an opportunity of venting this, their spiritual joy, the General Assembly held on Wednesday afternoon 22d inst. a special meeting for Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, in which their brethren from the Associate Reformed Church, who have now become one with them, united together with other Christians, who were convinced that it is a delightful thing for brethren to do together in unity. The exercises of this very interesting meeting, were very solemn and impressive, and could not fail to excite in the bosom of every one present, feelings of a most animating and pleasing kind.

St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia.

We are gratified to learn that the differences existing in this congregation, are likely to be settled. It will be recollected that two sets of trustees were returned as chosen, and neither would give way; but it has been agreed that a new election shall be held under the superintendence of *protestant* gentlemen, of great respectability, who will, no doubt, conduct the matter fairly and put to rest the jarring elements of discord. We rejoice at this proceeding—it is liberal, it is truly catholic. The judges are Horace Binney, and C. C. Biddle, esquires, and Gen. Cadwallader.

POETRY.

FROM BALDWIN'S LONDON MAGAZINE.

THE RAINBOW.

The evening was glorious, and light through the trees
Played the sunshine and rain-drops, the birds and the breezes;
The landscape, outstretching in loveliness, lay
On the lap of the year in the beauty of May:

For the Queen of the Spring, as she pass'd down the vale,
Left her robe on the trees, and her breath on the gate;
And the smile of her promise gave joy to the hours,
And flash in her footsteps sprung herbage and flowers.

The skies, like a banner at sunset unroll'd,
O'er the west threw their splendour of azure and gold;
But one cloud at distance rose dense and increased,
Till its margin of black touched the zenith, and cast
We gazed on the scene while around us they glow'd,
When a vision of beauty appeared on the cloud;
'Twas not like the Sun, as at mid-day we view,
Nor the Moon that rolls night through starlight and blue.

Like a Spirit, it came in the van of a storm!
And the eye, and the heart, hail'd its beautiful form;
For it looked not severe, like an Angel of Wrath,
But its garment of brightness illum'd its dark path.

In the hues of its grandeur, sublimely it stood,
O'er the river, the village, the field and the wood;
And river, field, village, and woodlands grew bright,
As conscious they gave and afforded delight.

'Twas the bow of Omnipotence bent in His hand,
Whose grasp at Creation the Universe span'd;
'Twas the presence of God, in a symbol sublime;
His vow from the flood to the exit of Time!

Not drear as when in the whirlwind he pleads,
When storms are his chariot, and lightning his steeds;
The black clouds his banner of vengeance unfurled,
And thunder his voice to a guilt-stricken world;

In the breath of his presence, when thousand expire,
And seas boil with fury, and rocks burn with fire;
And the sword, and the plague-spot with death strew
the plain;

And vultures, and wolves, are the graves of the slain;

Not such was that Rainbow, that beautiful one!
Whose arch was creation, its keystone the Sun;
A pavilion it seem'd which the Deity giv'd,
And justice and mercy met there, and embrac'd.

Ah! when it was, and it sweetly bent over the gloom,
Like Love o'er a death-couch, or Hope o'er the tomb;
Then left the dark scene whence it slowly retired,
As Love had just vanish'd, or Hope had exir'd.

I gazed alone on the source of my song—
To all who bheld it these verses belong,
Its presence to all was the path of the Lord!
Each full heart expand'd—grew warm, and ador'd!

Like a visit—the converse of friends—or a day,
That Bow, from my sight, pass'd fore ever away;
Like that visit, that converse, that day—to my heart,
That Bow from remembrance never depart.

'Tis a picture in memory distinctly defined,
With the strong and unperishing colours of mind;
A part of my being beyond my control,
Beheld on that cloud, and transcribed on my soul.

MISCELLANY.

FROM THE BELLows FALLS INTELLIGENCER.

THE DUELLISTS.

The cause of Conscience—Conscience oft
Has taught guilt renewes: *Conquer.*

If some of the most striking histories of duels, the effect they have upon society, and upon the duellists themselves, could be collected, they would form perhaps a voluminous but an instructive work. It would probably fix the attention of that great class of persons who fling aside the best written essay on the subject as uninteresting, and who never listen to the most eloquent appeals from the pulpit. And since almost every instance of a duel fought has served to show how much wretchedness it brings down upon the survivor in this world, without casting a fearful glance to the miseries that await him in another, such a work must convey instruction. It has been said that the fear of being compelled to fight has probably often restrained the tongue of slander. For slanderers are generally cowards, and preserved the reputation of many innocent families inviolate. But if any one will examine the histories of those duels which come under his inspection, he will find they arise frequently from the most trivial and ridiculous causes, from some harmless wit or imaginary affront, when the plea of preserving reputation could not be urged. The following relation is derived from the best authority.

Previous to the American Revolution, two young men, Charles Mercer and Richard Reynolds, were students together at one of our most respectable colleges. They were in the same class, and intimate friends. Charles Mercer was the son of a mechanic who laboured hard and suffered many deprivations that he might give his son a good education. Charles was superior to most young men in personal appearance, and was remarkable for his strength and agility in athletic exercise. His disposition was noble and generous. At the expiration of two years in college, he was informed by his father that he could no longer support him there, from the unfortunate failure of a friend for whom he had become responsible, without depriving the younger portion of his family of their necessary supplies. Mercer prepared to leave college with a heart lightened by the reflection that he should no longer be a burden but an assistant in his father's family. At this period Reynolds with a generosity that is seldom found, informed Mercer's father by a letter that he would from his own abundant means, support his

friend until he should be able by his own exertions to repay him. He informed Mercer's father at the same time of the growth of their mutual love and esteem. All the objections which young Mercer could urge against this arrangement were overruled by his parents and he consented to stay. Richard Reynolds was born of the most respectable parents in the town of B—. He was an only son, heir to great wealth, and possessed an abundant share of spirits and vivacity. He was esteemed as one of the best scholars in the class, but rather averse to mathematical demonstration. By his classmates he was deemed a wild but not a vicious fellow. He scorned to do a mean action, but too easily suffered himself to indulge in those vices which eventually lead to crime. Mercer now no longer a faithful adviser, at the solicitation and by the example of Reynolds, became his companion in many imprudent excesses. One evening the two friends with two of their classmates assembled to drink wine, and have what is generally termed a social meeting. Presently cards were introduced, and they sat down to gamble. In choosing partners at the commencement of the game, Reynolds betted extravagantly, and lost seven games in succession. At the end of the sixth he declared that the opposite party had cheated. This gave rise to some dispute; but saying that he would try them again, he doubled the bet and lost the seventh. Irritated beyond measure, and always violent in his passions, which were then much heated by wine, he rose up, threw down his cards, and struck Mercer a blow in the face, at the same time accusing him of cheating. A short contest ensued, when Mercer by his great personal strength seized both the hands of his antagonist, and held him perfectly at his mercy. The two other young men were ineffectually appealed to, and refusing to interfere in the quarrel, left the room. Reynolds, enraged to be thus in the power of one who was so much his debtor, called Mercer a coward, a fawning hypocrite, told him he dare not fight him like a gentleman with swords, and charged him with the benefits conferred on him by himself. "You have dissolved every tie," answered Mercer. "I will not be called a coward by any man. Your past favours—would to God I had never received them—your future favours I disdain. I will meet you this moment at any place you appoint." They immediately salied forth as the morning dawned to a retired spot, and drew their swords upon each other. Mercer had learnt the art of fencing of an uncle who was a good swordsman, and he knew that he was superior to Reynolds. He therefore contented himself with parrying the violent blows of his adversary, and at the same time gave him some slight wounds to show that he was completely in his power. Reynolds was only rendered by this conduct more furious, and even foamed at his mouth with violent rage. Extreme anger seems to drive away every other passion from the human breast but *cunning*. Cunning is ever the faithful ally and necessary companion of revenge. Reynolds suddenly dropping the point of his sword, thrust it into the ground, and held out his hand. "Give me your hand, you are still the best of friends—I am in the wrong." Mercer replied, "I am rejoiced to see you return to your right mind. I hope our friendship will become the stronger from this unhappy interruption; but I for ever decline your further pecuniary assistance." At the commencement of the contest they had pulled of their coats. Mercer turned round to put his coat on, and while he was swinging it over his head, Reynolds drew his sword from the ground and stabbed him to the heart. No sooner was the deed done than his reason, which had been clouded by passion, returned. He raised the bleeding body of his friend who had fallen on his face,—beheld his ghastly countenance just fixed in death,—vainly attempted to staunch the blood which gushed from the wound, and fell back in a swoon of agony and distress. So soon does punishment follow in the footsteps of crime. By the assistance of his still fond father he escaped to France in a merchantman. For a long time he wandered through different parts of Europe, till, by the intervention of his father's powerful friends in England, he obtained the pardon of the king. "Return, my son, said his father, "and close my eyes in peace, for my life is drawing to its close." He embarked in a vessel bound to America; but before he arrived, his parents had both died, leaving an immense fortune at his disposal. But des-

titute of friends, of relations, shunned by the virtuous, pitied by few, life was a burden.—He presented himself at the bar of justice, and tearing the king's pardon in pieces before the eyes of the judges, he demanded the punishment due to his crime. "I wish for death—may my execution be a warning example to those who come after me." The judges refused to pronounce his doom, declaring that the king's pardon had been given, and though the certificate had been destroyed it still remained in force. Reynolds returned home, but his peace of mind was for ever lost. In his reveries, in the midst of the crowded circle, he would start and shriek, declaring with great vehemence of gesture, that he saw the bloody body of Mercer. Nothing could soothe the irritability of his mind;—the hideous spectacle met him in every path, and was the subject of his nightly dreams. The human frame is incapable of enduring for any length of time such distress. He grew emaciated, his eyes started from their sockets, mortality quitted her moorings, and he died in all the agonies of despair.

SHORT HINTS TO PARENTS.

One of the distinctive qualities of our nature is the principle of curiosity. The disposition to pry into the *how* and *why*, is sometimes seen from the very cradle; and is always to be regarded as an auspicious token; it being in fact the germ of all future improvement; the genuine bud of intellectual fruit. Nor scarcely is it conceivable, how great advantage might be taken of such a disposition were it under the constant management of superior skill, united with patient industry. But, in the nurture and training up of children, this important particular is, for the most part, overlooked, and their early curiosity either damped or misdirected. And in this way many are made dullards, or frivolous, who might have been shaped to intellectual excellence.

Children come into a world where, to them, every thing is new and strange; a world, of which, and of all therein, they are utterly ignorant. And how do these newly born citizens of the world act? Why, just as persons come to years would act under like circumstances. God hath given them an appetite for knowledge, and they seek after it with ardency. What is this? What is that made for? How is it done, and why is it so? these and scores of similar questions, are asked in early childhood, and to them the information they inquire after is material, though their questions may seem trifling in the eyes of those to whom the things were long since known.

Were their inquiries properly encouraged, it would lead them to think for themselves; it would put them upon the exercise of their reason, as well as their memory. At the same time, whenever there was observable in them a forwardness, or any real impertinence, it might easily be checked without damping their curiosity.

I have seen fathers so stately and stern that their children scarcely dare speak to them, and much less familiarly to question them. And I have seen schoolmasters who would require the familiar question of a little pupil, with hard blow. Thus the young mind is pinioned, and then bid to soar.

At this uninformed period of life, children are not only inquisitive, but ready to believe every thing they hear. And if parents are deficient in giving them the information they are seeking, they naturally endeavour to gain it from others. And thus incorrect, if not dangerously erroneous ideas may be, and doubtless often are, diffused into their unsuspecting minds.

LITERARY.

FROM THE BOSTON RECORDER.

We understand that James Marsh, A. M. and Richard C. Morse, A. M. Alumni of the Theological Institution at Andover, are engaged in the translation of Bellermann's Biblical Geography, from the German, with a view to publication. This is a valuable work, and on an important subject. The geographical description of countries which have been the theatre of remarkable events, enables us to transport ourselves thither in imagination, and to enter upon the stories even of ancient times, with nearly the same interest and the same conviction of their reality that we feel in the events of our own neighborhood. A knowledge of Biblical geography is important, therefore, to every one who would strengthen his faith and increase his interest in the truths of the sacred volume. But this knowledge is of peculiar and indispensable importance to the interpreter of the Bible. Besides its obvious and immediate benefit in the histori-

cal books, and in illustrating the frequent allusions to scenery in the poetical parts of the Scriptures, it is necessary also as the first step towards an acquaintance with the manners and customs of the Hebrews, and with their social and political institutions; without a knowledge of which, many of the doctrines and precepts of Christianity can be but imperfectly understood.

The author of the work, which is now proposed for publication, is Dr. John Joachim Bellermann, late Professor of Theology in the University of Erfurt, in Germany. It was composed with great care and accuracy, after a laborious examination of the original sources of information, and is of high commendation by the ablest German critics.

The plan of the work embraces a description of all the towns, provinces, rivers, mountains, &c. mentioned in the Bible, including the Apocrypha; and the description of each town and province is accompanied with an historical account of all the changes which it has undergone, from the most remote antiquity down to the present time.

The following are some of the peculiar advantages of this work.

1. The articles are arranged in *geographical* order, and on this account it has a decided superiority over other works in which the alphabetical or historical arrangement is pursued. It presents the student with a *connected* view of the different countries, and enables him to form a picture of them in his mind. It admits of being studied in course, like works on other sciences; while, at the same time, by the aid of a complete index at the end, it secures all the advantages of the alphabetical arrangement.

2. The descriptions of places are not loose and irregular, but systematical and complete. Every text of Scripture in which the name of any place occurs, appears to have been carefully consulted, and explanations are given of all difficulties which might otherwise embarrass the interpreter.

3. The etymology of the different names is given. 4. The work is not a bare nomenclature of provinces, towns, rivers and mountains, but contains also whatever is important in respect to history, statistics, trade, inhabitants, &c. and is calculated to render the study of the Bible interesting as well as instructive.

FROM THE PORT FOLIO.

Literary Intelligence.—Authors and publishers throughout the United States, are requested to transmit, post paid, to the Editor of the Port Folio, the titles of such works as they are engaged in writing or publishing, with the particulars of size, price, &c. Much inconvenience and loss might be avoided, if such a list as we contemplate, could be submitted to the literary world at stated periods. We understand that there are no less than three editions of Plutarch's Lives in the press. We know that there are two MS. translations of a work in 2 vols. 4to. which cannot be disposed of because the publishers to whom they are respectively offered are afraid of a competition in the market.

One of our friends lately requested our good offices with the bibliopoles of this city in favour of a new translation of Vattel.—The first person to whom application was made, answered, that he had in press, and nearly finished, a large edition of the old translation, which is notoriously incorrect. We understand that another edition, from the same vicious copy, has recently been published in one of the eastern states. A third edition was commenced at the same time in Philadelphia, but abandoned in order to avoid the competition. The conflicting editions of stock works, such as the popular writings of Johnson, Addison, Steel, Goldsmith, Pope, Scott, and Byron, are, as the auctioneers express it, too tedious to mention. The allusion to this occupation will at once suggest to the booksellers the consequences of this blindfold career.

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